

**No. R-497. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team.**

(H.C.R.296)

Offered by: Representatives Troiano of Stannard, Martin of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, Strong of Albany, Woodward of Johnson, and Young of Glover

Whereas, the fourth-seeded Hazen Union High School Wildcats boys' basketball team was matched in the Division III championship game in Barre against the defending four-time champions and third-seeded Williamstown Blue Devils, and

Whereas, Williamstown began the game anticipating the possibility of winning a highly unusual fifth consecutive title, and

Whereas, although the Blue Devils held a 15–12 lead at the first quarter's conclusion, by halftime, the Wildcats had assumed command of the game 22–16, and in a high-scoring second half dominated the offensive effort to win the contest 63–43 and the Division III title, and

Whereas, Wildcats Aaron Vetere, Derek Richardson, Russell Shopland, Kevin Doyon, Jaxson Hussey, Derrick Camp, Kaleb Olsacher, Jake Gilcris, Dan Kish, Todd Howard, Nate Gilcris, Denis LeCours, Walden Gann, Freddy Larsen, and Elliott Kimball each played to win, and

Whereas, Head Coach Aaron Hill, for whom this was his fifth championship at Hazen Union, and Assistant Coach Mike Baker were superb advisors, and student manager Karen Hudson and scorekeeper Deb LaRose were always willing to help the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hazen Union High School.